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to serve on the University of Hawai i Presidential Search Advisory Group (UHPSAG)

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We are particularly pleased by the nomination of Mr. Lance Yamamoto to fill the vacant vacancies for the staff representative seats. Lance has a long history of involvement in campus governance activities in his current role as vice chancellor for administrative services. His service record at the University of Hawai i System spans decades, providing him with an important perspective on all our campuses serving more than 22,000 community college students. Lance's participation in the UHPSAG will ensure that all staff members are represented in this process, bearing in mind that the staff plays a critical role in continuing their work with staff employment.

We submit this testimony in support of Lance's nomination.

TO: The Board of Regents, University of Hawai i
FROM: Dr. Marguerite Butler, Professor, School of Life Sciences, UH Manoa
DATE: 08/01/24
RE: Agenda Item III.A. Presidential Search Advisory Group

Aloha Chair Lee, Regents and President Lassner,

I am a Professor in the School of Life Sciences, co-chair of the Manoa Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty Service, and member of the Senate Executive Committee, and testifying in my personal capacity. Please consider the following nominees, gathered by the Manoa senators to represent research, academics, and deep understanding of the UH system.

Sincerely,
Marguerite Butler

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Professor Chyba has been a faculty member in Mathematics at UHM for 22 years, serving as Associate Chair and cooperating faculty with Ocean Resources Engineering.

Monique is an internationally recognized applied mathematician (55 peer-reviewed articles, 6 edited volumes, 2 books). Her interdisciplinary collaborations have brought in ~\$7M in grant support including federal extramural awards from NASA, the Department of Energy, and the National Science Foundation.

Her leadership in research extends across the UH System (involving UH Manoa, UHWO, UH Maui, and UH Hilo), and serves critical needs within the community including: (1) modeling the COVID-19 pandemic to inform the State of Hawai i s pandemic response, (2) small aerial vehicles during the 2018 Volcano eruption, (3) supervising a PhD dissertation modeling the recent Maui wildfires, and (4) Maui trauma STEM-informed education.

Professor Chyba has partnered with the Hawaii State DOE to share her love of mathematics and provide opportunities to our youth across the islands including students from Ni ihau, touching thousands of K-12 students and teachers, and especially underrepresented populations such as the houseless and disabled.

She has received multiple excellence in teaching awards for her transformative teaching of mathematics to thousands of UH undergraduates. For example, she developed a new unit for the teaching of Math LEM-

Dr. Mougini-Mark is an Emeritus Researcher and Faculty member at UHM with 37 years of service. Internationally recognized for his scholarly contributions, he has an eponymous prize sponsored by the Geological Society of America (the "Pete Mougini-Mark Prize in Planetary Volcanology"), and received the Antarctic Service Medal from the National Science Foundation. As a researcher of volcanoes on Earth and Mars, Pete has conducted field work on many active volcanoes, including Kilauea, Mt. Pinatubo (Philippines), and those in the Galapagos Islands, Chile, Nicaragua, and Java (Indonesia).

Over his long research career,

Dr. Ward has extensive service at the University and National levels. He served generously on the Manoa and JABSOM faculty senates, the latter as president, and on numerous research committees and task forces. His national service includes leadership in professional societies including President of the Society for Basic Urologic Research.

Dr. Ward was previously appointed as the Director of Urologic Research at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he was an important part of the development of the New Jersey Cancer Institute.

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